You next suggested that the Devaswom Department should bear the charges incurred by your Council in keeping the surroundings of the temple in a sanitary condition. The Devaswom Commissioner says that he does not agree with you and that his Department need not incur the expenditure. He points out that the Municipal Council levies fees for sheds put up on the road leading from the temple and that the Municipal Council should attend to the sanitation of the road. He also points out that this is the practice in other places. I think that what the Devaswom Commissioner says is right, and that you will have to conserve the immediate neighbourhood of the temple and see to its proper sanitation.

Then you require a site for the rubbish depôt, and for that you want a portion of the *kayal poramboke* site to be made over to you. I do not think that your proposal will be approved by the Sanitary Commissioner. It is the last place one can think of for a rubbish depôt. A rubbish depôt should be on high ground. If the Council will point out an unobjectionable site, the question of acquiring it will be considered.

As regards the road by the side of the camp shed to the site acquired for the Agricultural Department and extending it to Puttantodu, I shall ask the Chief Engineer to have it inspected and to send up a report.

89. Needs of the Kottayam Town.

Mr. K. K. Thomas, B. A., B. L., (Member, Municipal Council, Kottayam) represented that the Kanjikkuzhi canal should be widened and deepened. He added that the work was taken up some thirty years ago and that some money was spent over it without any material benefit. He also referred to the Dewan's reply to the representation on the subject made at the Seventeenth Session of the Assembly to the effect that the matter would be investigated. The Member thought that the work could be done without much cost.

He next prayed for the extension of the Kanjikkuzhi-Kollad road up to the Kottur river, as the road would be of much use to the people of Kollad where they had already opened a ryots' road up to Kottur, known as the Pallam-Kollad road. About three furlongs of land on the Kottayam side alone need be acquired for the purpose and this could be done without much cost. He added that the Dewan had inspected the place already.

Thirdly, the Member requested that the Cutcherry and Market landings might be improved. For that purpose, he suggested that land up to the junction might be immediately acquired, lest it should be sold in auction for shop sites, that a road parallel to the canal might be opened on either bank, and that the canal itself might be deepened. Much congestion was being felt in the vicinity of the market. He appreciated that the Government had been recently effecting some improvements to relieve the popular grievance ; but it was inadequate.

Fourthly, he wanted some groynes to be constructed at Tazhattangadi as the road passed along the brink of the Minachil river and breaches were frequent on the land between the river and the road. He pointed out that, if Government thought that walls were costly, the lands might be registered to private owners on condition of their constructing retaining walls.

Fifthly, he urged the necessity for reconstructing the Nagampadam bridge in view of the increasing motor and cart traffic on the Main Central road.

Lastly, he prayed that all the civil courts be located in one place to give greater convenience to the litigant public. That was a long-felt necessity. He pointed out that land was acquired for the purpose during Sir P. Rajagopalachari's administration. The Accommodation Committee had also recommended the location of all courts in the same place. The Member suggested that temporary sheds might be put up immediately and that a *pucka* building might be raised subsequently, in which case Government could save about Rs. 300 now paid as rent for the buildings.

Dewan's reply.—As regards the Kanjikkuzhi canal, you say that that work was promised at the Seventeenth Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, and that it has not been taken up. The Chief Engineer says that the work will be investigated and an estimate called for.

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With regard to the road from Kollad, I am not convinced of the urgency or the need of that work. When I go to Kottayam next, please take me there. You say it involves the acquisition of three furlongs of land. It is all wet land that has to be acquired. To raise it above flood level is a very costly proposition, and I think Government must be convinced that it is a very urgent work before it can be commenced.

With regard to the improvement of the Market and Cutcherry landings, the proposal to acquire a certain width of land on either side of the canal is a good proposition. All that means a lot of money. It involves the putting down at once of a big sum of money and spending it fully. If the Municipal Council will put forward a scheme, if it can find out what extent of land is required, the readiness of the local inhabitants for co-operation and what compensation will have to be paid, and if it can convince the Government of the need for the work, the necessary steps will be taken. Government should have an assurance that, if it spent, say Rs. 50,000 this year, that sum could be realised subsequently. Such a scheme could be given effect to only by co-operation between the Government and the people.

As regards groynes at Thazathangadi I have seen the place and I quite agree with you in thinking that the respective lands may be registered in the names of the people, so that they may use them for landing. I remember to have issued such an order. I shall issue orders again. That is the only way of solving that question.

As regards the location of all civil courts in one building, I have already made suggestions. I said that two sheds would be put up close to the existing building. I have issued instructions in the matter. Reports have been received. What you call a temporary shed also involves expenditure of money.

With regard to the Nagampadam bridge, I must see what it is going to cost. If it is going to be Rs. 7,000 or Rs. 8,000, we shall try to include it in the next year's budget.

90. Needs of the town of Changanachery.

Mr. Thoma Kurian (Member, Municipal Council, Changanachery) prayed that the order sanctioning the transfer of the site of the Changanachery Travellers' Bungalow and the buildings to the local Municipal Council for use as a recreation ground might be carried into effect immediately as the public were put to great inconvenience for want of a recreation ground. He suggested that the camping officers and other travellers could conveniently halt at the local Satrom. If a kitchen for Christians were to be built in the Satrom, it could be used at all times by travellers of all castes. Even if additional buildings were found necessary for the purpose, they could be constructed in the Satrom compound as it was extensive. In any case, the T. B. and its site might be transferred at once to the Municipality for a recreation ground,—a long-felt necessity of the people.

Secondly, he suggested that the Puvakattu *chira* might be improved and made fit for the use of all classes of people for bathing purposes. He added that that was the only convenient tank in the heart of the town for the purpose and that it could be made use of if walls were constructed on all sides with a few bathing ghats here and there. It was now in utter disrepair and weeding was necessary. He added that the improvement of the tank had been recommended by the local Peishkars on different occasions, but nothing had been done as yet. He also referred to the Dewan's reply to the representation made at the Nineteenth Session of the Assembly that an estimate was called for from the Chief Engineer for the work. He prayed that, in view of the necessity for the tank, it might be repaired as suggested by him without further delay.

The Member represented that there were 12 liquor shops in the town of Changanachery, located in close proximity to churches, schools and other public places, especially toddy shop No. 20, Puttottil which was only half a furlong and one-fourth of a furlong distant from the general market and the fish market, respectively. The location of those shops close to public places caused considerable annoyance to the people of the place and rendered it difficult for those who had to pass along the roads of the town to do so without fear of danger. He, therefore, requested that Government might take steps to see that the liquor shops referred to were removed from

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